T.V. Transmitters in A.P.

*87. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up more TV relay centres/LPTs in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1988-89; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the additional areas likely to be covered by these centres/LPTs?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A low power (100 W) TV transmitter each at Khammam and Ramagundam in Andhra Pradesh is expected to be commissioned into service during 1988-89, providing service to an additional area of about 4000 Sq. Kms.

Diversification of Activities of the NDDB into the Power Generation Sector

*88. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board propose to diversify its activities into the power generation sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) propose to diversify its activities into power generation sector.

(b) A proposal to set up rural electricity cooperatives covering Kheda District of Gujarat is under their consideration.

Central Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for Installation of Pump Sets

*89. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have given any aid to the State of Andhra Pradesh for installation of Pump Sets during 1988-89; and

(b) if so, the number of Pump sets likely to be installed during 1988-89 in the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFA) for increasing agricultural production, it is proposed to allocate a sum of Rs. 620.88 lakhs as Central Grants-in-aid for construction of 41.392 shallow tubewells/dug wells in eight selected districts of Andhra Pradesh under the Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP). For the remaining districts a sum of Rs. 245.01 lakhs has been proposed out of which 70 per cent is meant for minor irrigation works.

Besides, under the Million Well Scheme, 25,500 wells at an estimated cost of Rs. 4947 lakhs have been proposed under NREP/RLEGP during 1988-89 for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe small and marginal farmers in the State.

No target separately for pump sets for 1988-89 has been fixed for the State.

Proposal for Japanese Equity Participation in Public Sector Steel Plants

*90. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal